

MULTI-USE TRACK ROAD COMMITTEE

The objective of the Multi-Use Track Road (MUTR) Committee is to obtain and implement a design plan for a multi-use path along Track Road including connections with the Maynard Rail Trail and the White Pond Road trail in the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge.

This year we accomplished the following:

- The Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (ARNWR) made a parking lot with spaces for over 30 cars where White Pond Road meets ARNWR. MUTR facilitated an agreement that allows Stow residents to park their cars in ARNWR's parking lot while they visit Track Road. In exchange, Stow's DPW will plow this parking lot.
- Established a good working relationship with ARNWR.
- Recommended that Stow sign a contract with the engineering firm, AECOM, for the design of a multi-use trail along Track Road.
- Had aerial photos taken of Track Road for use in making a plan for the design of the multi-use trail along Track Road.
- Hosted a site walk of Track Road with representatives from Mass DOT, AECOM, Assabet River Rail Trail, Inc.(ARRT), and Stow. Comments were logged and will be used to make improvements to Track Road.

This committee has set the following goals for 2013:

1. Improve the pathway from ARNWR's new parking lot to Track Road.
2. Improve Track Road.
3. Continue good working relationships with local and state organizations involved with trails.

Respectfully submitted,

John Akers, Chair
Rachel Ganimian, Secretary

Michael Kaskiewicz
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STOW MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust made great strides in 2012 due in large part to the CPC -funded Housing Specialist who joined us as a consultant in October 2012.

The ending 2012 balance of funds in the Trust was \$206,648.95. The current inventory of Subsidized Housing in Stow is 5.9%.

Some 2012 highlights of the Trust's activities:

- Collaborated with several other groups in town to revise and update the Comprehensive Permit Policy
- Met with several affordable housing developers to understand their perspectives on potential projects and express our interest in housing development in town
- Loaned \$10,000 to the Stow Community Housing Corporation for expenses related to the of affordable housing development previously approved by Stow Town Meeting
- Actively engaged in discussions with the local planning group MAGIC regarding joining a regional housing services group of neighboring towns to provide critical housing services
- Applied to the Community Preservation Committee for funds to retain as a consultant a Housing Specialist to assist in implementation of the Housing Production Plan which had been approved and submitted by the Stow Board of Selectmen to the MA Division of Housing and Community Development in 2011.
- Directed the Housing Specialist to review all town-owned undeveloped parcels and identify potential in-fill affordable housing sites,
- Defined and received approval for the process through which town-owned lands might be reassigned to SMAHT custody in order to develop affordable housing
- Received a grant application on which the decision was deferred due to the imminent UMass study of the Gleasondale area

Respectfully submitted,

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OUR HERITAGE

ANCIENT DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

The Ancient Documents Committee, formed in 1973, is charged with collecting, cataloguing, and preserving Stow town records which date to 1669, housed in the Town Vault in the Town Building. Each year committee members work on specific areas in the extensive collection.

Bob Walrath has completed a computerized inventory of all maps in the collection. Liz Moseley and Bill Byron continue to inventory recent collections of materials given to the town. Liz also continues to update items in the small historical museum in Randall Library. Requests for copies of old photographs are handled by Lew Halprin, and in addition, Lew is starting a collection for the vault of CDs of historical programs for the vault, many of which air on Stow TV.

Dorothy Spaulding is working on completing computerized cemetery records, a project started by Jody Newman a number of years ago. She is assisted by Marilyn Zavorski, volunteer, who also is researching information on headstone carvers. Another volunteer, Rosemary Bawn, is updating information files. Ralph Fuller continues to update newspaper files and to fill speaking engagements on Stow history.